Service Date: December 24, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application) of the Town of Saco to Increase) Natural Gas Rates and Charges.

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 84.10.66
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5106

FINDINGS OF FACT

On October 9, 1984, the Town of Saco filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 69-3-101, et. seq., MCA for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its gas rates to reflect increased operating and maintenance expenses. The filing requested increased rates in the amount of \$15,729 on an annual basis.

On November 16, 1984, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing. The Notice stated "if no hearing is requested by December 15, 1984, the Commission will consider the matter and a default order may be issued."

No protests or requests for hearing were received by the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
- 2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Town of Saco is hereby authorized to increase rates by \$15,729 on an annual basis.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 21st day of December 1984, by a 4-0 Vote.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

Clyde Jarys, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Laina Bird, Acting Secretary

Madeline L. Cottrill

Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. $\underline{\text{See}}$ 28.2.4806, ARM.